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60130-1967; 01MRA0218**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for providing a window regulator cable assembly comprising the steps of:

mounting a cable drum wheel, a first top pulley wheel and a first bottom pulley wheel in a spaced apart relationship to form a subassembly;

mounting a cable arrangement to provide a cable run between each of the cable drum wheel, the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel, wherein at least one of the cable drum wheel, the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel is spaced from another of the cable drum wheel, the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel by at least one semi-rigid tube that surrounds at least one of the cable runs, and the at least one semi-rigid tube is subject to an axial load to maintain tension in the cable arrangement; and

mounting the subassembly on a rigid frame to remove the axial load from the at least one semi-rigid tube.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the rigid frame is a vehicle door.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1 further including the step of removing the at least one semi-rigid tube after the step of mounting the subassembly on the rigid frame.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one semi-rigid tube is made of an extruded plastic material.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as defined in claim 4 wherein the extruded plastic material is selected from the group consisting of PVC and polyethylene.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one semi-rigid tube is substantially straight.

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7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one semi-rigid tube includes a longitudinal slit that allows mounting of the at least one semi-rigid tube on the at least one of the cable runs and allows for removal of the at least one semi-rigid tube from the at least one of the cable runs.
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the step of mounting the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel includes pivotally mounting the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel by a first top pivot and a first bottom pivot, respectively, wherein the first top pivot and the first bottom pivot are mounted on a first rigid member.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 8 wherein the at least one semi-rigid tube comprises a first semi-rigid tube and a second semi-rigid tube, and the cable runs comprise a first cable run between the cable drum wheel and the first top pulley wheel and a second cable run between the cable drum wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel, and wherein the first semi-rigid tube is mounted on the first cable run ~~between the cable drum wheel and the first top pulley wheel~~ and the second semi-rigid tube is mounted on the second cable run ~~between the cable drum wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel~~.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 8 further including the steps of pivotally mounting a second top pulley wheel on a second top pivot, pivotally mounting a second bottom pulley wheel on a second bottom pivot, and mounting the second top pivot and the second bottom pivot on a second rigid member spaced laterally from the first rigid member.

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11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 10,
~~wherein the at least one semi-rigid tube comprises a third first semi-rigid tube, a second semi-rigid tube and a third fourth semi-rigid tube,~~
~~wherein and the cable runs further comprise a third first cable run between the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel, a fourth second cable run between the second top pulley wheel, a cable drum wheel, and the second bottom pulley wheel, a third cable run between the second top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel, a fourth cable run between the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel, and a fifth cable run between the second top pulley wheel and the second bottom pulley wheel, and~~
~~wherein the third first cable run between the first top pulley wheel and the first bottom pulley wheel includes the third first semi-rigid tube, and wherein the fourth second cable run between the second top pulley wheel and the second bottom pulley wheel includes the fourth second semi-rigid tube, the third cable run includes the third semi-rigid tube, and the fourth cable run and the fifth cable run do not include any semi-rigid tube.~~
12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein ~~the at least one of the cable runs comprise a first cable run and a second cable run two cable runs~~ that intersect, and at least one of the two cable runs ~~first cable run and the second cable run~~ includes the at least one semi-rigid tube to prevent contact between the two cable runs.
13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1 further including ~~the a~~ step of engaging a cable tensioning system having a resiliently mounted deflector on a portion of ~~the at least one of the cable runs to deflect said the~~ portion laterally and to increase an effective length of the ~~at least~~ one of the cable runs.
14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the window regulator cable assembly further includes at least one cable defining a longitudinal direction and having an end mounted in a cable end housing, and the end is biased in the longitudinal direction by a resilient member to shorten an effective length of the at least one cable to tension the cable arrangement.

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